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yellow, and with yellow stockings lavishly "en evidence," vending catalogues!

For a pleasanter theme let us turn to the nearly six hundred water-color drawings at the Dudley Gallery. "The Dudley Gallery Art Society" is the name taken by that portion of the old Dudley Society which remains in the Egyptian Hall, while the rest have betaken themselves elsewhere. The change in the society has certainly, for one of its first results, a marked improvement in the general quality of the exhibition, even although the superficial aspect remains much the same. It seems impossible for London exhibitions to throw off their habitual expression, in which long, lank, lithe maidens, in æsthetic raiment, reaching up to fruit-laden boughs or carrying burdens of asphodel against sage-green tapestry like backgrounds, and dead maidens with half-opened mouths à la Rossetti and his post-mortem Beatrices, have such important parts, and this first exhibition of the new society shows that the "high art" spell of its predecessors has fallen also upon it.

Only two of our compatriots appear upon the Dudley walls under the new régime, the old familiars—such as Hennessy, Mark Fisher, Bloomer and Helmick—sending no pictures. These two are W. Magrath and Mrs. Howard Campion, the latter a Californian. Both these "envois" are of cabinet size, and both equally unpretending. Mr. Magrath's is a landscape called "Sussex Meadows," eminently prosaic, and apparently labored, without focus of light or effect, the entire dull scene washed, not bathed, in a feeble light which is neither of dawn, day, nor twilight. Mrs. Campion's picture is called "The Letter" and is as decorous and young-lady-like a piece of painting as one need wish to see. The peasant girl reading her letter in a very bourgeois interior is a made-up studio model whose costume is evidently an evolution of the artist's studio "props" rather than a representation of any real peasant costume. The painting is careful and conscientious, the drawing correct even if timid, the result well-regulated and conventional, and far more English in its respectability than with any evidence that the artist was ever a pupil of Paris ateliers, as she once was.

At the Agnew Gallery are exhibited good examples in water-colors of such names as De Wint, S. Prout, David Cox, Rosa Bonheur ("Morning in the Highlands"), William Hunt, J. Linnell, Bonington, Turner, Copley, Fielding, Harpignies, Millais, Birket Foster and H. S. Marks. In this gallery we find two of our countrymen, each represented by two canvases. D. Ridgeway Knight exhibits "An Anxious Watcher" and "A Rainy Day," both showing figures of his usual rustic maidens, refined, both physically and spirit-

ually, or rather sentimentally, to a degree unknown to real rustic life. Knight's are not exactly drawing-room misses transferred to the fields, not hot-house and yet not field flowers, but rather pretty garden flowers, quite out of place among rough clods and where toil is heavy and the blast may blow keen. Jules Breton refines his peasants spiritually, but leaves

in the foreground, a billowy field stretching behind them to a sunset sky. The other is a late sunset scene with two little English peasant girls sitting with their backs to the light, upon the brink of the water in which they see their own figures. Mr. Weatherbee is often said by critics to imitate the late George Mason in those peculiar atmospheric and

shadow effects which Mason so lovingly sought in the dying day, although he himself declares that he never saw a Mason until long after the critics had begun to call his own pictures imitations. He is particularly fond of pink glancing lights on bodies otherwise in brown shadow (the tops of the sun-bonnets of the little reflected rustics are rosy while the faces are brown), and finds, as he says, a more subtle and delicate poetry in the vagueness of the deepening twilight than in the full brilliancy of the day. His style is large and free, and his aim evidently poetic suggestion rather than sensuous effect.

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"ON THE BEACH AT ETRETAT." BY HENRY BACON.

them the coarse-footed, brawny-armed, heavy beings nature shapes them, while Knight's rustics might wear bottines No. 3, and would melt like waxen blossoms under too hot a sun. The workmanship is both forcible and delicate, showing high culture of artistic gifts. The most exquisite finish is lavished upon face and hands, and the canvases are charming to

#### SKETCHING FROM NATURE IN OIL.

SKETCHING from nature in colors is an occupation full of delight to the amateur, and invaluable to the professional artist; but the latter should clearly understand what he proposes to himself in its pursuit. While the amateur has, nine times out of ten, no purpose in view beyond the gratification of a refined taste or the wish to bear away a bright memento of scenes from one cause or other henceforth to be held in prized remembrance, the professional artist, on the contrary, does, or should, always look upon sketches as studies which are to have a practical and decided bearing upon the future and matured efforts of his genius, and serve as effectual aids to the production of finished pictures.

Having procured some paper already prepared for sketching in oil (that in the form of compressed blocks is most convenient), or so-called "Academy board," begin by drawing a careful outline in pencil. As your time will probably be limited, it is better to use a medium which dries faster than me-gilp, and the common practice now is to substitute copal varnish, which not only dries very rapidly, but also preserves the colors in all their original brightness. With this then and a little raw or burnt umber rub in the light and shade and general effect,

carrying it over the masses of foliage, but leaving the sky untouched. Sketch in faintly the forms of the clouds in pencil, then with an azure tint compounded of ultramarine and white, mixed occasionally with a little black to bring the tint nearer nature, paint in the sky, beginning at the top, adding more white as it approaches the horizon, and giving the lowest parts a



"IN THE BATHING SEASON AT ETRETAT." BY HENRY BACON.

look upon without the least appeal to any sense that lies beyond the eye.

The other American, George F. Weatherbee, a Boston boy who studied in Antwerp, sends two much more conspicuous canvases, called respectively "Gleaners" and "Reflections." The former is a harvest field with two large female figures glean-

yellowish tinge with a little yellow ochre. Do not paint this blue tint over the cloud forms, except it be where little detached bits are distinct from the general masses. In sunset skies you will often find an exquisitely beautiful green tint in the lower parts of the sky, in the openings left between the gold and violet clouds.

After the azure tints are laid in, paint the clouds, beginning with the dark parts and using very little color; then finish with the lights. A good general tint for the dark parts of clouds in the day-time is composed of white, ivory black, and a little Indian red or lake. For the lights, use flake white, modified by mixing a little yellow ochre or Naples yellow therewith. Paint the sky or clouds over all parts where they are intended to show through the openings in thin foliage.

The brushes to be used for this painting and work in general are hog's hair, but before the sky dries it should be lightly gone over with a badger-hair softener to blend the tones and remove any harshness incompatible with the tender character of sky scenery.

While the sky near the horizon is still wet, paint the extreme distance with a tint very slightly different from the lower parts of the sky, but a little stronger; then the middle distance, and so on to the foreground; gradually changing and strengthening the colors according to the natural tints of the objects before you, until the foreground is reached, upon which will be bestowed the strongest colors, and the most powerful light and shade in the picture. Fore-ground trees and grasses, if in the spring-time, may be painted with a green compounded of Prussian blue and chrome yellow; but later on, when the foliage becomes darker and duller in color, the chrome will be exchanged for yellow ochre, and in autumn pure yellow, orange, and red-brown colors will have to be substituted for the greens. Paint all the shadows with very thin color, little more than glazes. Peruvian yellow and Prussian blue, raw or burnt umber and the same, will all be found excellent glazing colors for green shadows. For shadows across a road, a mixture of black, white, and Indian red you will find will approach very near to nature.

but the only sketches really useful for the purpose intended are such as are carried to such a degree of completeness in details as to become finished miniature pictures in themselves. It will, however, serve nearly (not quite) as well, if to a tolerably careful study of effect and color, we add a second sketch in lead-pencil conscientiously drawn, and the different parts carefully elaborated. This, too, will take less



MINIATURE BY HORACE HONE.

ELIZABETH AND GEORGIANA, DUCHESSES OF DEVONSHIRE.

time than the former method; but, if possible, it will be better to make finished sketches in color.

WALTER TOMLINSON.

#### FLOWER-PAINTING IN WATER-COLORS.

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IN painting the convolvulus, either major or minor, the student need scarcely be warned to begin at an early hour in the morning, as from the time of their first expansion of a bright blue color, these flowers gradually change to a redder hue until midday, when they become entirely withered. Either cobalt or

French blue, with a very slight mixture of crimson lake, may be used for the local color, but, of course, the more blue this is, the fresher and more newly expanded the flower will appear. The shadows may be painted with the same colors, substituting in the darker tones indigo for the cobalt or French blue.

For the salvia, smalt or ultramarine must be used, no other colors being sufficiently brilliant in the particular tone required. But the difficulty of working smoothly with either of these will prevent their being much resorted to, although the latter is not only the purest blue known, but also the most permanent.

It will be found, after representing any of the flowers already mentioned, according to the directions given, that the tints produced are very nearly equal to nature; they are, indeed, in no respect inferior as regards color, and destitute only of that lustre (sometimes almost metallic) which gives so much beauty to the petals of a flower. A brilliant blue, yellow, scarlet, and rose are all furnished with ease by the colorman, and the resources of chemistry have hitherto proved inadequate to the production of one shade alone. This, which, hovering between crimson and purple, can scarcely be called by either name, is in nature of frequent occurrence; in the most brilliant petunias and cinerarias it is particularly beautiful, and

would in painting be most valuable, were it in the power of any known pigments to produce it; but, by the side of nature, our brightest tints appear little more than dull brown, and as any attempt to imitate flowers of this color must end in disappointment, the reader is recommended to avoid the trial, which, even when assisted by the utmost skill of contrast and execution, can only prove, at best, a partial success.

#### THE EDWARD JOSEPH COLLECTION OF MINIATURES.

IN accordance with our promise, we return to the notice of the charming cabinet of miniatures owned by Mr. Edward Joseph, of London, which was partly described in the January number of THE ART AMATEUR. As this collection is pre-eminently a Cosway collection, we do not hesitate in adding to the examples already given the five characteristic specimens illustrated herewith of the graceful art of "the macaroni miniature painter." The most interesting of them perhaps is the portrait of the beautiful Mrs. Robinson, the actress, better known as "Perdita," who was so cruelly treated by the heartless Prince of Wales who afterward became King George IV. But this miniature was described in our former notice. Of the other examples of Cosway we have nothing special to remark. They all show the same delicacy of treatment, the clever glossing over of physical defects of the sitter, the same pale blue background, no matter what the style of beauty portrayed. The examples by Nixon, Smart, and Hone are of the same school as Cosway, and are hardly inferior to his, although the reputation of these painters has not survived them. The miniature of Elizabeth and Georgiana, "the two Duchesses of Devonshire," is particularly interesting as the original of a well-known engraving which was published a few years ago in The London Graphic, the original of which, if our memory serves us, was said to be a painting by Angelica Kauffman. Mr. Joseph investigated the matter, and the originality of his miniature as the source of the engraving was fully established.

#### CRAYON DRAWING.

CRAYON drawing is generally understood among artists to apply to the use of black crayon on white or tinted paper, and is used principally for portraiture and figure drawing, charcoal being preferred for sketching, as it is so easily handled. The method of using crayon is very similar to that used in charcoal drawing, the chief advantage of the former, however, being that it is more durable, not easily erased; moreover, very brilliant effects of black are obtained with less difficulty in using crayon than with char-



MINIATURE BY JOHN SMART.

Where water comes into your sketch, remember that its general hue will be that of the sky, but not quite so strong; and into this the reflections must be painted in their appropriate colors.

If the sketch be made with an intention of painting afterward a finished picture from it, the student should not rely upon any mere record of color and effect. Such a one may be very useful for reference;



MINIATURE BY RICHARD COSWAY.

coal. For this reason, charcoal drawings are often finished off with hard crayon. This practice, in fact, is almost universal with the life drawings in the best art schools, both here and in France.

The paper used for crayon may be either the French or English crayon paper, and may be either white or of any light tint desired. Some very good effects are produced by drawing on dark gray-blue